

Claims

1. An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion joined to the front portion; and

a back guard extending from the rear portion to a middle back area of a

user.

2. The incontinence article of claim 1, further comprising tabs for coupling the front portion to the rear portion.

3. The incontinence article of claim 1, wherein the back guard further comprises an absorbent material located centrally on the back guard

4. The incontinence article of claim 3, wherein the back guard further comprises opposing side portions and a top portion, and wherein elastic is positioned at a predetermined location along a periphery of the back guard

5. The incontinence article of claim 4, wherein the elastic is positioned along the top portion.

6. The incontinence article of claim 4, wherein the elastic is positioned along the side portions.

7. The incontinence article of claim 4, wherein the elastic is positioned along the top portion and the side portions.

8. The incontinence article of claim 4, wherein the side portions are curved.

9. The incontinence article of claim 4, wherein the side portions are linear.

10. The incontinence article of claim 1, wherein the back guard has a length of approximately 1.0 - 10.0 inches.

11. The incontinence article of claim 1, wherein the back guard has a length of approximately 3.0 - 10.0 inches.

12. The incontinence article of claim 1, wherein the back guard is curved.

13. The incontinence article of claim 1, wherein the back guard has a width approximately equal to a width of the rear portion.

14. An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion joined to the front portion; and

a back guard extending from the rear portion, wherein the back guard has
a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches, and wherein the back guard includes
an absorbent material.

15. The incontinence article of claim 14, wherein the back guard further
comprises elastic positioned along a periphery of the back guard, and wherein the
elastic is positioned in a different location on the back guard than the absorbent
material.

16. The incontinence article of claim 15, wherein the back guard further
comprises opposing side portions and a top portion, and wherein the elastic is
positioned at a predetermined location about the portions.

17. The incontinence article of claim 16, wherein the opposing side portions are
curved.

18. The incontinence article of claim 16, wherein the opposing side portions are
linear.

19. The incontinence article of claim 15, wherein the back guard further is curved, and wherein the elastic is positioned at a predetermined location about a periphery of the curved back guard.

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20. The incontinence article of claim 14, wherein the back guard has a length of approximately 3.0 to 10.0 inches.

21. The incontinence article of claim 14, wherein the back guard extends to a middle back area of a user.

22. An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion joined to the front portion; and

a back guard extending from the rear portion, wherein the back guard

comprises an absorbent material and separately positioned elastic.

23. The incontinence article of claim 22, wherein the elastic is positioned at a predetermined location about a periphery of the back guard, and wherein the absorbent material is positioned centrally on the back guard.

24. The incontinence article of claim 22, wherein the back guard further comprises opposing side portions and a top portion.

25. The incontinence article of claim 24, wherein the side portions are curved.

26. The incontinence article of claim 24, wherein the side portions are linear.

27. The incontinence article of claim 22, wherein the back guard is curved.

28. The incontinence article of claim 22, wherein the back guard has a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches, and wherein the back guard extends to a middle back area of a user.

29. An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion for contacting a front side of a user;

a rear portion for contacting a rear side of the user;

a crotch portion joining the front portion to the rear portion;

a back guard extending from the rear portion to a middle back area of a

user, wherein the back guard has:

a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches;

an absorbent material positioned centrally on the back guard; and

elastic positioned about a periphery of the back guard.

30. An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion joined to the front portion; and

a back guard extending from the rear portion, wherein the back guard

comprises a vertical extension and opposing horizontal extensions.

31. The incontinence article of claim 30, wherein the back guard further

comprises an absorbent material and separately positioned elastic.

32. The incontinence article of claim 31, wherein the elastic is positioned at a

predetermined location about a periphery of the back guard.

33. The incontinence article of claim 31, wherein the elastic is positioned about a

periphery of the horizontal extensions.

34. The incontinence article of claim 31, wherein the elastic is positioned about a

periphery of the vertical extension.

35. The incontinence article of claim 31, wherein the elastic is position about a

periphery of the horizontal extensions and a periphery of the vertical extensions.

36. The incontinence article of claim 30, wherein the back guard has a width

greater than a width of the rear portion.

37. The incontinence article of claim 30, wherein the vertical extension includes opposing side portions and a top portion.

38. The incontinence article of claim 30, wherein the horizontal extensions diagonally couple to the front portion.

39. The incontinence article of claim 30, wherein the horizontal extensions laterally couple to the front portion.

40. The incontinence article of claim 30, wherein the vertical extension extends to a middle back area of a user.

41. The incontinence article of claim 30, wherein the vertical extension has a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches.

42. The incontinence article of claim 30, wherein each horizontal extension has a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches.

43. An incontinence article with a back guard, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion joined to the front portion; and

a back guard extending from the rear portion to a middle back area of a

user, wherein the back guard comprises a vertical extension and opposing
horizontal extensions, and wherein the back guard includes an absorbent material.

44. The incontinence article of claim 43, wherein the back guard further
comprises elastic positioned at about a periphery of the back guard, and wherein
the absorbent material is positioned centrally on the back guard.

45. The incontinence article of claim 44, wherein the elastic is positioned about a
periphery of the horizontal extensions.

46. The incontinence article of claim 44, wherein the elastic is positioned about a
periphery of the vertical extension.

47. The incontinence article of claim 44, wherein the elastic is positioned about a
periphery of the vertical extension and the horizontal extension.

48. The incontinence article of claim 43, wherein the back guard has a width
greater than a width of the rear portion.

49. The incontinence article of claim 43, wherein the rear portion and the horizontal extensions couple to the front portion.

50. The incontinence article of claim 43, wherein the vertical extension includes opposing side portions and a top portion.

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51. The incontinence article of claim 43, wherein the vertical extension has a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches.

52. The incontinence article of claim 43, wherein each horizontal extension has a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches.

53. An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion joined to the front portion; and

a back guard extending from the rear portion to a middle back area of a

5 user, wherein the back guard comprises a vertical extension having a length of
approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches and opposing horizontal extensions each having
a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches, and wherein the back guard includes
an absorbent material and elastic.

54. The incontinence article of claim 53, wherein the absorbent material and the
10 elastic are separately positioned.

55. The incontinence article of claim 53, wherein the absorbent material and the
elastic are commonly positioned.

56. An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a front guard extending from the front portion to a middle chest area of a user;

a rear portion joined to the front portion;

a back guard extending from the rear portion to a middle back area of a user; and

wherein the front and rear portions each comprise an absorbent material.

57. The incontinence article of claim 56, wherein the front guard and the back guard each further comprise a centrally positioned absorbent material.

58. The incontinence article of claim 57, wherein the front guard and the rear guard each further comprise elastic positioned about a periphery thereof.

59. The incontinence article of claim 56, wherein the front guard and the back guard each have a length of approximately 1.0 to 10.0 inches.

60. An incontinence article, comprising:

a front portion;

a rear portion joined to the front portion; and

a back guard extending from the rear portion, wherein the back guard

comprises an absorbent material and elastic.

61. The incontinence article of claim 60, wherein the back guard extends to a middle back area of a user.

62. The incontinence article of claim 60, wherein the elastic and absorbent material are commonly positioned.

63. The incontinence article of claim 60, wherein the elastic and absorbent material are separately positioned.